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CHIYUE YOUNUI - TOUSHE PRIME OF RANUO HIGH, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE THE SCHOOL THAT SETS PROTOCOL FOR ALL TOUSHE IN THE NANTOU AREA. YOUNUI IS A BUS-TIME OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE WHOSE OCD (OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER) MANIFESTS AS A DEEP-ROOTED DESIRE TO CUT HIMSELF OVER A LOCK.

MOM - HANUUS' MOTHER, BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL AND WAY TOO LAID-BACK. IT WAS SHE WHO PASSED THE MASEMAMA ON TO HANUUS AND PACED HER OFF TO TOWN WITHOUT ONE WORD OF INSTRUCTION OR ADVICE. MAY TO GO, MOM.



HANUUS SONARU - DISPATCHED TO TOWN BY HER MOTHER TO BETTER TO REALIZE HER FULL POTENTIAL. (WHATEVER THAT MEANS). THIS BUSY TOUGH ARRIVED AT NANTOU ACADEMY READY, WILLING AND ABLE. ALTHOUGH PAINED BY HER FIGHTING PROMISES FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF THE AVERAGE D-RANK. DID WE MENTION SHE HAS HUGE TITS? HANUUS CURRENTLY ROOMS WITH HER COUSIN, SHYUO KOUNEN, WHILE ACCUSTOMING TO HER NEW ENVIRONMENT.



CHARACTERS



RYOJI KOUSEN - AN A-RANK SENSEI AT RANUO HIGH. AN EXISTENTIALIST OMELOP-POPPING A SPECIALTY WHOSE MARTIAL ARTS PROMISES APPEARS TO BE SECOND TO NONE. SHE AND GENPOU SHARE A PAST HISTORY-HARD ENOUGH THAT THEY ARE NOW BITTER ENEMIES.

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TIESHIZE SHIZE - THE MOST POWERFUL A-RANK TOUSHE AT YOSHOU HIGH. AN HONORABLE FIGHTER, HIS WORD IS HIS BOND. AMONG THE TOUSHE, SHIZE IS MUCH RESPECTED... AND MUCH FEARED.

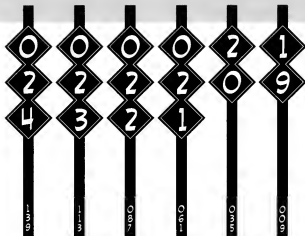


MAKOUTON (TOM-CHAU) SENJOU - A D-RANK SOPHOMORE AT THE SCHOOL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING. NYNHOU HIGH. TOM-CHAU IS A STREETFIGHTING PURIST WHOSE STRICT ADHERENCE TO TRADITION TENDS TO CONFUSE RATHER THAN ENLIGHTEN. AN ONLY SON, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.

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OMASHU - A NANTOU-GRAD TOP BANN WHOSE INSISTENCE ON BEING PICKED IN THE PACE HAS LED MANY TO THEORIZE HIM EITHER A FOOT PETTISHER OR A PANTY PIRATE. A LOYAL ENJITSU HENCHMAN UNTIL, ORDERED TO 'BARE DOWN' HANUUS, HE WAS YET TO FULLY RECOVER FROM THE SUBSEQUENT HUMILIATION.





THE STORY THUS FAR:

AGES AGO, IN THE THREE KINGDOMS ERA, HEROES TRIED TO UNITE CHINA...AND FAILED. AFTER THEIR DEFEAT, THE HEROES' SPIRITS CAME TO REST IN JEWELS THAT CAN DRAW OUT THE FULL FIGHTING POTENTIAL OF THOSE WHO INHERIT THEM. THE JEWELS--KNOWN AS MAGATAMA--ENDED UP BEING SCATTERED THROUGHOUT JAPAN. THOSE WHO POSSESS THE MAGATAMA--KNOWN AS TOUSHI--FIGHT TO BECOME INKI TOSEN: ONE WARRIOR WITH THE POWER OF ONE THOUSAND! EACH TOUSHI'S MAGATAMA IS COLORED ACCORDING TO THAT PERSON'S RANK. THE TOUSHI LEVELS RUN FROM THE EXPERT A-RANK TO THE NOVICE E-RANK, AND EACH TOUSHI'S MAGATAMA IS COLORED TO INDICATE HIS/HER RANK. HAKUFU SOMSAKU IS A BUSTY, BEAUTIFUL TEENAGED GIRL WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE LUST-FOR BATTLE! AT HER MOTHER'S REQUEST, HAKUFU RESISTED HER BURNING DESIRE TO BEAT PEOPLE UP...UNTIL A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH ANOTHER TOUSHI AT SCHOOL CLASHING WITH ONE OF HER OWN WILD KIND, HAKUFU LOST HER SHORT, BUT WON THE BATTLE. ONCE HER MOTHER LEARNED OF THE FIGHT, HAKUFU WAS SENT TO NANYO ACADEMY, A SCHOOL IN TOKYO POPULATED ENTIRELY BY TOUSHI. THE COMPLEX POLITICS OF THE TOUSHI WORLD CAN BE HARD FOR A NEWCOMER TO GRASP, AND HAKUFU'S COUSIN/ROOMMATE--THE D-RANK TOUSHI KNOWN AS SHYUYU KOUKIN--TRIES TO KEEP HER OUT OF TROUBLE AS MUCH AS HE CAN. UNFORTUNATELY, KOUKIN CAN NO MORE KEEP HAKUFU'S IMPULSIVE NATURE IN CHECK THAN HE CAN KEEP HER ULTRA-SMOKIN' BOD OUT OF HIS MIND...AND BOTH SITUATIONS ARE DRIVING HIM CRAZY. HOWEVER, EVEN KOUKIN DOESN'T KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THE TWISTED PLANS THAT SEEM TO PERMEATE THE TOUSHI COMMUNITY, AND THE POLITICS ONLY GET MORE COMPLICATED WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT THE TOUSHI ARE MERELY PLAYING--AND REPLAYING--THE PARTS OF THE SPIRITS THAT ARE SEALED WITHIN THEIR MAGATAMAS.

THE QUESTION IS: ARE THE MODERN-DAY TOUSHI'S FATES SEALED AS WELL?





.....

CHECK IT
OUT! YOU
CAN, LIKE,
TOTALLY SEE
HER PANTIES!

GO, SHIMEI!
GOT HIM
DEAD ON!

AND ME...
FACING THE
WR-WRONG
WAY...

HUH...

AND WHAT
IF I L-LET
MYSELF FALL
BACK, EH?
J-JUST FALL
RIGHT ON
BACK...

TAKE
YOUR
BEST
SHOT.

P-POP A
FEW RIBS
RIGHT FINE,
THAT WOULD...
MAYBE C-
CRACK THAT
BRAIN PAN
A'YOURS...



Y'KNOW...
ANYONE ELSE
AND I MIGHT
BE GETTING
OFF ON
THIS...

PRESSURE-
POINT
LOCK-DOWN.
THOSE LEGS
WON'T BE
MOVING
FOR A WHILE
TO COME.



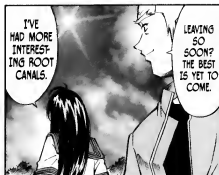
WH-
HUH?!



SMOOTH
M-MOVE...
THOUGHT
YOU'D TRI-
TRI-TRIPPED...
HNGH...

IT'S OVER,
GANRYOU.
RELAX AND
LET IT
HAPPEN
ALREADY. I'M
CATCHING
A CHILL
HERE.









THAT
WAS
1800
YEARS
AGO.

HER
KI...
OVER-
WHELM-
ING.

WHY
STAY,
KAKUHA?

WHAT
MORE COULD
I POSSIBLY
LEARN THAT
THE MAGATAMA
DOESN'T
ALREADY
KNOW?

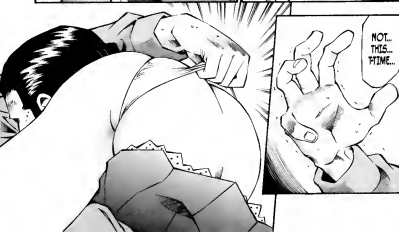
ONLY THE
MAGATAMA
REMAINS
CONSTANT.
THE LOSS
WAS **NOT**
KANUS...



COULD I POSSIBLY
BE MORE LOST? I
DON'T THINK SO...

THE OCEAN...
GREAT. JUST
GREAT.





I *WILL*
MOVE!
I...WILL...
WIN!!

NOT
WITH
ME!!





NO WAY...!

NO WAY
HE BROKE
THE
PRESSURE
LOCK!

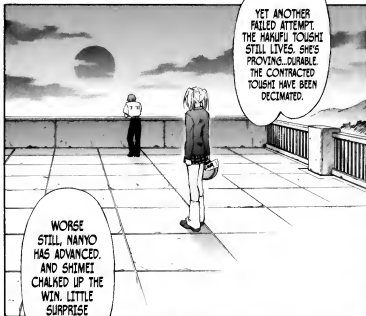


HEY!
GET YOUR
GODDAMN
FINGERS
OUT OF...!



LIVE
WITH
IT,
BITCH!





YET ANOTHER
FAILED ATTEMPT.
THE HAKUFU TOUSHI
STILL LIVES. SHE'S
PROVING...DURABLE.
THE CONTRACTED
TOUSHI HAVE BEEN
DECIMATED.

WORSE
STILL, NANYO
HAS ADVANCED.
AND SHIMEI
CHALKED UP THE
WIN. LITTLE
SURPRISE
THERE.





FIRST
THE HAKUFU
TOUSHI, THEN
SHIMEI. I'D
LIKE THAT.

THE HAKUFU
TOUSHI. LET
ME TAKE
HER DOWN.
YOU *KNOW*
I CAN.



I'D LIKE
A CRACK
AT HER.

NO...
NO
SURPRISE...



I BET
YOU
WOULD.



SORRY TO
DISAPPOINT,
BUT THE HAKUFU
MATTER'S BEEN
DECIDED. SHE
WILL BE SEEN
TO BY WAY OF
TOURNAMENT BOUT.
INDIVIDUAL
BOUT. *NOT*
BY YOU.





WHY
BRING
IN THE
PSYCHO
BITCH? I
CAN DO
THIS!

YOU
PROMISED
ME INDIVIDUAL
BOUT! WHERE
THE HELL DO
I FIT IN?!

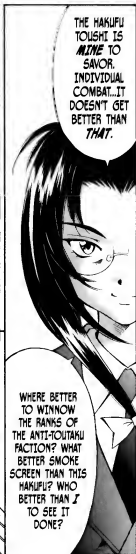
BUT
THIS
ISN'T...
YOU
PROMISED
ME!



DAMMIT, TOUTAKU!
YOU OWE ME
THIS! YOU OWE
ME *BIG-TIME!*



HE OWES
YOU
NOTHING!



THE HAKUFU
TOUSHI IS
MINE TO
SAVOR.
INDIVIDUAL
COMBAT...IT
DOESN'T GET
BETTER THAN
THAT.

WHERE BETTER
TO WINNOW
THE RANKS OF
THE ANTI-TOUTAKU
FACTION? WHAT
BETTER SMOKE
SCREEN THAN THIS
HAKUFU? WHO
BETTER THAN *I*
TO SEE IT
DONE?



HISTORY
HAS NOT
BEEN KIND
TO RAKUYOU.
THAT *MUST*
CHANGE.

TRADITION
CAN ONLY
TAKE YOU
SO FAR...



HE DEALS
WITH
LOWER
CLASSMEN
AS *HE*
SEES FIT!

HE HAS
RESPON-
SIBILITIES
BEYOND
KEEPING
YOU HAPPY!
WAY
BEYOND!

YOU FIGURING
INTO THINGS
AT *ALL*
IS THANKS
ONLY TO *HIS*
TOLERANCE!



...WERE I
TO, SAY...

SO...



...*THAT* WOULD
CHANGE HISTORY
WOULDN'T IT?
WHY, I BELIEVE
IT *WOULD*!

...BREAK
YOUR FUCKING
NECK, THEN
THAT WOULD...
HMMM...



DAMNIT, SHIMEI...
JUST HAD TO PLAY
THE JILTED LOVER...



COULD YOU
POSSIBLY
HAVE CHOSEN A
WORSE TIME...?





WE STAND
READY TO
SERVE!



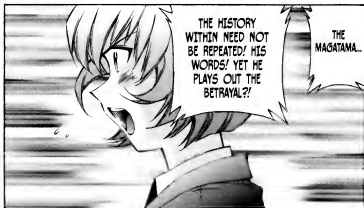
HOW
IS THAT
FAIR?!



STAND
DOWN.
THE
MAKUFU
TOUSHI...

TOUTAKU
HAS
OTHER
PLANS
FOR
HER.

THOSE
PLANS
DON'T
INCLUDE ME...
US. GO ON.
BEAT IT.



THIS TIME
THE CYCLE
WILL BE
BROKEN. I
WILL **NOT**
DO IT.

I WON'T
PLAY INTO IT.
I WEAR
THE GEM--THE
GEM DOES
NOT WEAR
ME!

HIS FOSTER
FATHER DIED BY
HIS HAND. TOUTAKU.
TOUTAKU DIES
BY MY HAND..

I CAN FEEL
HIM. HIS
STRENGTH.
HIS PASSIONS.
HIS RAW LUST.
HIS RAGE AT
HIS FOSTER
FATHER'S
BETRAYAL..

CHINKYU.. YOU
AND I.. KAKU..
SHE EXECUTES
US. HISTORY
REPLAYED..
I WILL NOT
ALLOW IT!



CAST

1

HANUFU SOMSAKU -
DISPATCHED TO TOKYO BY
HER MOTHER TO BETTER
REALIZE HER FULL POTENTIAL
(WHATEVER THAT MEANS), THIS
BUSY TOUSHI ARRIVED AT
NANYO ACADEMY READY,
WILLING AND ABLE.
ALTHOUGH RANKED
E, HER FIGHTING
PROWESS FAR
EXCEEDS THAT OF
THE AVERAGE E-RANK.
DID WE MENTION
SHE HAS HUGE
TITS? HANUFU
CURRENTLY ROOMS
WITH HER COUSIN,
SHYUYU KOUKIN, WHILE
ACCLIMATING TO HER
NEW ENVIRONMENT.



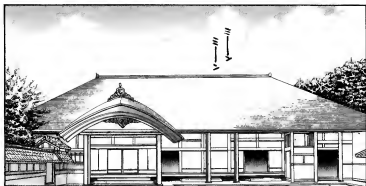
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SOPHOMORE TOUSHI
TRYING TO MAINTAIN
WHATEVER DECORUM LEFT TO
HIM SINCE HANUFU'S ARRIVAL.
WILDLY FRUSTRATED BECAUSE
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TO HORIZONTAL BOOZIE
WITH IS HIS COUSIN. DID
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SIVE MELONS? KOUKIN IS
A WORK IN PROGRESS. A
TOUSHI OF UNTAPPED
POTENTIAL COMPROMISED
BY LOW SELF-ESTEEM.











UNDERSTAND...

KOUKIN...

NOT
REALLY...

UM...

...THE BURDEN THE
MAGATAMA PLACES ON
THE TOSHI, THE DEBT
PAID TO HISTORY
REPLAYED...TRADITION,
KOUKIN. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

1800
YEARS OF
ABJECT
FAILURE...

IN THIS WE
HAVE FAILED
REPEATEDLY.

WE SHYUYU
ARE DUTY-BOUND
TO THE SONSAKU
LINE. PROTECT
AND SERVE,
KOUKIN.

Just...just bear with us. It'll all make sense eventually.

**BREAK THE
CYCLE, KOUKIN.
SONSAKU MUST
LIVE. BEWARE
UTSUKI.**

**A CYCLE
SET THEN AND
PLAYED OUT
EVER SINCE.**

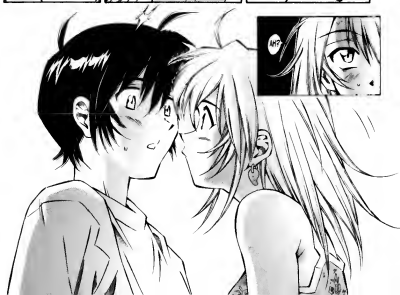
SEE TO
THIS...

SONSAKU
MUST
ASCEND!

OOPS!
MY BAD!
SORRY...



A LITTLE
WARNING
NEXT TIME?!







ME?
DOWN?
TAKE *ME*
DOWN?!

HA! THAT
MEANS YOU'RE
WORTH MORE
IF I TAKE YOU
DOWN!



SHOULD
HAVE
SEEN
THIS
COMING.

DAMMIT!
I'M *NEVER*
GONNA GET
PAST E-RANK
IF I DON'T
START KICK-
ING SOME
SERIOUS
ASS!



DO YOU
MIND?!

YOUR
MAGATANKS
CHANGED
COLOR,
TOO.

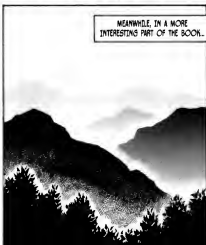
UHM...
HARUPU?

I'VE BEEN
WAITING
WEEKS
TO USE THESE
PROPS
AND--



THIS IS SO
UNFAIR! I'M
A WAY BET-
TER FIGHTER
THAN YOU!
BETTER
LOOK-
ING, TOO!
DAMMMIT,
DAMMIT,
DAMMIT!

*PAPER=LOSER LIST *HEADBAND=JUST ANOTHER E-RANK

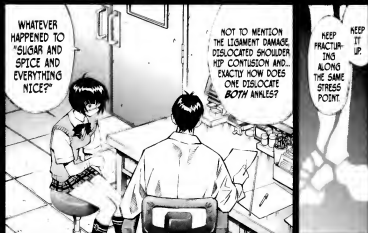


MEANWHILE, IN A MORE
INTERESTING PART OF THE BOOK...



WAIT.
MY *WHAT*
CHANGED
WHAT?

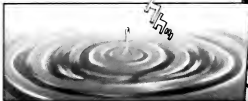








THEN AGAIN...
NEXT TIME
IT COULD
BE THE
CORONER'S
TURN.









WHO
WANTS
TO SEE
ME GET
NAKED?!

HAKUJI
SONSAKU!
D-RANK
ALL THE
WAY!



FUCKIN' "A"!!

Mama

~"~
has



AND THE
POT CALLS
THE KETTLE
BLACK.



You
MAY TOO
drunk...

You...

Kouken
does...
He always
does...

BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'M MISSING...
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT...
I CAN SENSE
IT JUST
BEYOND MY
FINGERTIPS...

TOURNAMENT'S
MOVING ON
TO INDIVIDUAL
BOUNDS...
HAKUJI'S
DESTINY'S
ABOUT TO
COME TRUE...



SIGH...



JUST...
SHOOT
ME IN MY
FRIGGIN' HEAD.

Ha! Ten
points for
fakedown!

PRIORITIES!

FOCUS,
KOUKIN...



HOLY!
HOUSTON
WE HAVE
TUNN!

YEP
P-PRIOR-
ITIES...



SHE HAS
HER FATHERS
ASS-DIMPLE









屈身忍辱、任才尚計。

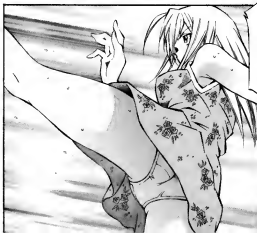
蚊竜得雲雨、終非池中物也。



* The winds of change can move one into a greater role.

* Bow to endure disgrace, yet skillfully employ stratagems.







NO...PAIN!



CAN I BREAK THE
CYCLE? AND IF I
DO...THEN WHAT?
WHAT OF THE
MAGATAMA THEN?



1800 YEARS
AGO, SHYUMU
KOUKIN FAILED
HAKUFU SONGAKU
AND SO MANY
TIMES SINCE
THEN...OVER
AND OVER...



THIS TIME
YOU SAVE HER.
DESTINY BE
DAMNED.



DON'T
GO THERE!
FOCUS,
KOUKIN...
FOCUS!



AND IF
I FAIL
AGAIN? IF
HAKUFU...



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SIGH...



AS IF ANYONE
IN THEIR RIGHT
MIND WOULD
LIVE ALL THE
WAY OUT HERE...
AND JUST
WHAT IS THAT
SMELL?!

SUMMER
VACATION,
MY ASS!
THANKS
AGAIN,
MOM...



GREAT MAP
HERE, MOM...
COULD YOU
BE MORE
VAGUE?





MY FEET
HURT AND
I'M TIRED
AND I
THINK I'M
LOST AND
SHIT! SHIT!
SHIT!!



HOUKINS
GOING
TO HAVE
TO COME
OUT HERE
AND HELP!
LIKE IT
OR NOT!



MY, WHAT
JUICY THIGHS
YOU HAVE,
LITTLE GIRL...
MIND IF I
ROAST ME UP
A SHANK? EW!
THIGH SHANK!

PRETTY
SOON I'LL
BE DRINKING
MY PEE AND...
AND...

LOST...
NO FOOD...
NO WATER...
THIS IS
JUST LIKE
THE DONNER
PARTY.

OKAY...
IT'S
OFFICIAL--
THIS
SUCKS.
BIG-TIME
SUCKS!



THEN
AGAIN...

彭城寺



*SIGN=HOJOU TEMPLE



SHE'S, LIKE,
A HUNDRED
YEARS OLD
OR SO?
MARTIAL
ARTS MASTER
CHOUHSHOU?
RING ANY
BELLS?

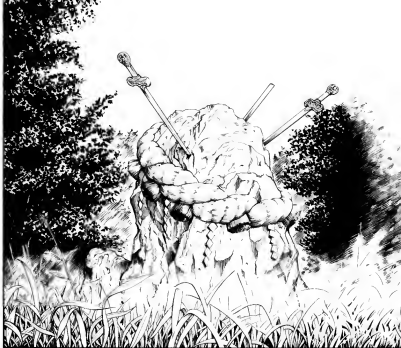
UM...
I'M LOOK-
ING FOR AN
OLD LADY?
OLD LADY
CHOUHSHOU?



YOU AN
APPRENTICE?
HELLO?

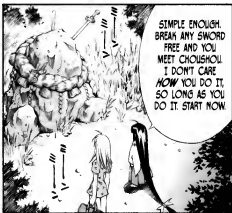
YO,
HALF-PINT,
YOU LIVE
HERE?





BARE HANDS
OR TOOL
OF CHOICE.
LET'S GO!
GET TO IT!

YOU'RE
SERIOUS?



SIMPLE ENOUGH.
BREAK ANY SWORD
FREE AND YOU
MEET CHOUHOU.
I DON'T CARE
HOW YOU DO IT,
SO LONG AS YOU
DO IT. START NOW.

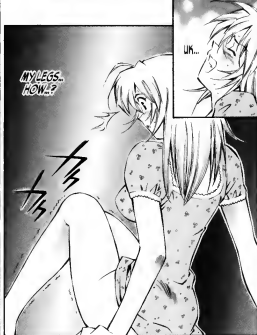


DON'T
LET MY
SIZE
FOOL
YOU.

*NOT
SMART.*

"FORGOT,"
EH?! DON'T
YOU MEAN
"FORGOT
ON
PURPOSE?!"







IT'S A
SECRET.

YOU
WOULDN'T, AH...
KNOW WHERE
HAKUFU WENT,
WOULD
YOU?



HUM...



YOU'D JUST BE
A DISTRACTION.
SHE NEEDS TO
KEEP HERSELF
FOCUSED.

SHE
KNOWS
THERE'S
ONLY A
WEEK 'TIL
INDIVIDUAL
BOU? A
SECRET..



HELLO
THERE,
HELL, I'M
KOUKON.

SO...YOU
WANT TO
GET DRUNK
AND PLAY
GRABBIES?



SHE MUST
RISE TO THE
CHALLENGES
SET BEFORE
HER...
OVERCOME
ADVERSITY.



SHE MUST
BE TESTED,
PROVE
HERSELF
WORTHY.





HURTS!
NO FAIR!
CHEATER!



THAT BLADE
IS HYAKU-
HEKITOU, ONE
OF SOUSOU'S
FIVE CALLED
"TIGER."
VERY
VENERABLE.

IT HOLDS
THE KI OF
GENERATIONS
OF TOUSHI,
DATING BACK
1800
YEARS.

I
NOTICED.



ISN'T THIS
WHERE YOU LET
ME IN ON THE
JOKE?! TELL
ME I'VE BEEN
PUNKED?! THAT
SUM'BITCH
HASN'T SO
MUCH AS
TWITCHED!



I MEAN,
CMON!
IS THIS
REALLY
NECESSARY?
I SWEAR...
IF YOU'RE
MAKING
THIS UP...



BRUTE
FORCE IS
NOT THE
ANSWER YOU
SEEK. SEE
WITHOUT
SEEING.
STRIKE
WITHOUT
FORCE.

NOT EVEN
LEGENDARY
"MURAMASA,"
A JAPANESE
SWORD
OF GREAT
ELEGANCE,
CAN
COMPARE TO
THE TIGER
BLADE.



THE EASY
SOLUTION IS
THE LEAST
SATISFYING.



AND IN
SO DOING,
FREE
YOURSELF.

FREE
THE
SWORD.

THE
SWORD...





YOU'RE
NOT
QUITE
READY
YET.



WE HAVE
ARRIVED. YOUNG
MASTER.
YOU WALK
FROM
HERE.



WALK?! NO
ONE SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT
WALKING!



YOU'RE
NOT
COMING.
NO PUN
INTENDED.

WITH
GOOD
REASON.



RIGHT ABOUT NOW
I'M LEANING
MORE
TOWARD
STUPID.

ARE
YOU THAT
DETERMINED
OR THAT
STUPID? HMM?



RIBS, LEGS,
HANDS...CALL
IT A *DAY*
ALREADY.

OUCH.
TALK ABOUT
CRASH-TEST
DUMMIES.



YOU
WILL NOT
REMOVE THE
SWORD BY
TRYING TO
REMOVE IT.

STRENGTH IS
NOT MEASURED
BY MUSCLE
YOU CAN'T GET
STRONGER BY
STRENGTHENING
MUSCLE
ALONE.





KI IS
THE BIRTH
MOTHER
OF ALL
THINGS.



KI CAN
TURN STEEL
TO PAPER
AND PAPER
TO STEEL.
USE IT!

PLAIN
AND
SIMPLE!





I WANT
MY
FUTURE,
MY
WAY!!

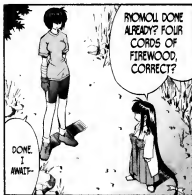


I WANT
THE
STRENGTH
TO
EXCEL!



WAUGH!!









SHE DIDN'T
BREAK THE
BLADE!

INTACT!



TO
PULL IT
INTACT
FROM
THE
STONE.

SEALED
INTO
SACRED
ROCK BY
THE
VERY LIFE
FORCES
OF THE
PRIESTS
CHARGED
TO PROTECT
IT.



OKAY...
I STAND
CORRECTED.

SHE
FREED THE
HYAKU-
HENITOU.
WHO'D HAVE
THOUGHT...?



THIS...THIS
BIMBO?!

THIS IS
THE ONE?!



MASTER!

I SENSE A
DISTURBANCE
IN THE
FORCE!



I THOUGHT
THEY WERE
YANKIN' MY
CHAIN! HER?!
THIS "CHRISSY"
IN TRAINING?!
EVEN HER KI
SCREAMS
"BIMBO!"

"BIG OF
BREAST AND
SMALL OF
BRAIN, A
TOUSHI WILL
COME, THE
HYAKUHEKITOU
TO FREE."

TWO
YEARS
PAST...
THE
OMEN.





ONYEI TOUTANU
- TOUTHI PRIME OF
RANYOU HIGH, WHICH
HAPPENS TO BE THE
SCHOOL THAT SETS
PROTOCOL FOR ALL
TOUGHT IN THE KANTOU
AREA. TOUTANU IS A
BIG-TIME OBSESSIVE-
COMPULSIVE WHOSE
OCD (OBSESSIVE-
COMPULSIVE DISORDER)
MANIFESTS AS A
DEEP-ROOTED DESIRE
TO CUT HIMSELF
OVER A LOONO.

CAST

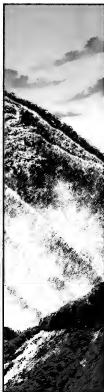
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NANU - TOUTANUS
RIGHT HAND (WO)MAN
AND PRIMARY ENFORC-
ER. LOYAL TO A FAULT,
THE FAULT BEING, MORE
OFTEN THAN NOT, HERS.
ONAY...WE GOT NOTH-
ING. SHE SHOWED UP,
VERBALLY SPARRING WITH
THE BLAZER CHICK
AND BLEW TOUTANU IN
THE BACK OF A LIMO.
THERE. DEAL WITH IT.











SUNNUVA...!!



JUST A
STATUE...
A BUTT-ASS
UGLY STATUE,
BUT **STILL**
A STATUE NONE-
THELESS...

HUH?
OKAY...
RELAX...











STILL A FOOL
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME.

STILL
LEADING WITH
HIS EGO.

OR HAVE
YOU HAD
ENOUGH
FOR ONE
DAY?

UP
WITH
YOU.



HYAKUHEKITOU
DOES NOT ENHANCE
STRENGTH SO MUCH
AS CHANNEL THE
STRENGTH *YOU*
BRING TO IT.

YOU,
ABOVE
ALL,
SHOULD
KNOW
BETTER.



NOT THAT
YOU'VE EVER
BEEN IN A
POSITION TO
APPRECIATE
THAT...BEING
THE FOOL
YOU ARE.

WIELDED
WISELY, IT
CAN BE A
TERRIBLE
WEAPON.



YOU FANCY
YOURSELF A
CONQUEROR...
OF *DESTINY*.
NO LESS. I
THINK *NOT*.

YOUR
POTENTIAL
REMAINS
UNTAPPED.
A PITY,
THAT.



TWO YEARS
AGO YOU
FREED A
BLADE...TO
NO AVAIL.

YOU COME TO
COMBAT REEKING
OF SEMEN SPENT
AND CHEAP PERFUME...
IS THAT THE WAY
OF THE
CONQUEROR?





NO
MORE,
WITCH!
**NO
MORE!!**



Huh!





KEEP
THAT UP
AND NO
FISH FOR
YOU.

LISTEN
TO YOU.

TSK...



UP
YOURS,
TON.

BACK TO
THE LAND OF
THE LIVING?

AH...



KILL THE
DRAMATICS.
SHANESPEARE.
YOU HATE
FISH.

MY
FISH,
YOU
STAIN!
DO YOU
KNOW
HOW
LONG
IT
TOOK
ME TO--



Yawn...

THA
HELL??



NOT ME! NO
WAY! GOT TO
SAVE PEOPLE
FROM
THEMSELVES!
TAKE THE SCALY
LITTLE FUCKERS
OUT OF
CIRCULATION!

NOW
THANKS
TO YOU, I
GOTTA
CATCH THEM
ALL OVER
AGAIN!



THAT'S WHY I
LIKE KILLING
THEM! IT'S
DISGUSTING,
IS WHAT IT IS!
THEY LIVE IN
THEIR OWN
TOILET AND
PEOPLE EAT
THEM??



HAH?



NOW YOU
KNOW
HOW THE
FISH FEEL.

WHY'D
YOU GO
'N DO
THAT?!

SONORA-



BUT PAIN
FOR PAIN'S SAKE...
INTOLERABLE.
THE **LEAST** YOU
COULD DO IS
EAT WHAT YOU
CATCH.

PAIN IN
THE SERVICE
OF PURPOSE
IS TOLERABLE.









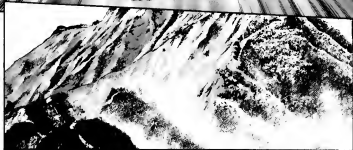


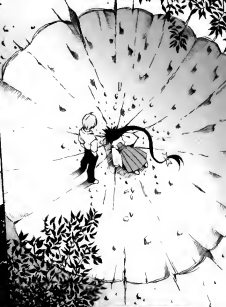
少林長護心意門拳
しやうりんちやうごしんいもんけん

I GOTCHER
KJ, RIGHT HERE!
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW!!

双蛇爆裂掌
そうじゃはくれつしやう

TELL ME AGAIN,
BITCH! TELL ME
ABOUT BEING
STRONG!









RRRAH!!





BREAK,
AT DAMMIT!
LEAST
A
LIGAMENT!

A
MUSCLE
TEAR?
ANYTHING?



KUDOS
FOR EFFORT,
ONE-EYE

WE ARE *SO*
FAR BEYOND
THAT NOW. THINK
OF THIS AS
THUNDERDOME--
TWO MEN
ENTER, ONE-EYED
BITCHES DIE!



YOU STILL
FIGHT AS IF
THIS WERE
A TOUSHI
GAME!



HEAR ME
RENOUNCE
THE DESTINIES
PLAYED OUT
BY MAGATAMA!
I RENOUNCE
IT ALL!!

NOT BY
YOU, NOR
BY ANY
OTHER
1800-
YEAR-OLD
SPIRIT!
HEAR ME,
SHIMEI!

IT'S
KILL OR
BE KILLED
NOW, BEST
YOU
BELIEVE
IT! I WILL
NOT BE
DEFEATED!



FROM
NOW
ON...IT'S
MY GAME,
MY WAY!



NOW...
LET ME
SHOW YOU
HOW
TO BREAK
AN ARM...

CAST

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RYOFU HOUSEN -
AN A-RANK SENIOR
AT RANUOYU HIGH.
AN EXHIBITIONIST
(MELON-POPPING A
SPECIALTY) WHOSE
MARTIAL ARTS PROW-
ESS APPEARS TO BE
SECOND TO NONE.
SHE AND GENPOU
SHARE A HARSH
HISTORY-HARSH
ENOUGH THAT
THEY ARE NOW
BITTER ENEMIES.



CHINKYU - RYOFU'S
OVERZEALOUS GO-TO
GAL DESTINED TO BE
EXECUTED BY KAKU
AT KAKI CASTLE
ALONGSIDE RYOFU FOR
THE ASSASSINATION
OF TOUTAKU, RYOFU'S
FOSTER FATHER. SURE,
THAT MAKES SENSE.
SHEESH...







CORRUPT
KI...THE
AIR'S THICK
WITH IT!
MOST
DEFINITELY
GAG-
WORTHY!

SCREW
YOU,
SHIMEI! I'M
TAKING A
LOOK-SEE
TOO!

Says stay
put then
takes off--
The NERVE!



NOW THIS...
THIS IS
SERIOUSLY
BAD!



OVERPOWERING
EVERYONE
ELSE'S KI...
BURNING.

GEEZ...
IT'S ENOUGH
TO MAKE
YOUR EYES
WATER...







IT'S NEVER
EASY. THERE'S
ALWAYS
SOMEONE.



WONDER
WHAT SHE
MEANT ABOUT
THE BLADES
NOT GIVING
STRENGTH
-?

SCREWING
UP THE
CURVE...
MAKING AN
INAPPROPRIATE
STAND.



I SPARED
YOU ONCE...
BUT THE
MERCY
TRAIN HAS
OFFICIALLY
DERAILED.

LIE
DOWN,
GIRL.



YOU'RE
OUTCLASSED
AND YOU
KNOW IT.
WALK AWAY.

WALK
AWAY.

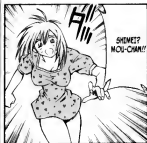
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A
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!!**

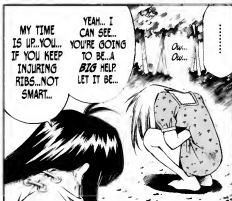






GET
AWAY
FROM
ME!!







HANG
TIGHT,
SHIMEI!

I'LL BE
BACK WITH
HELP! HEY!
LOOSEN
THE GRIP
THERE, HALF-
PINT!



GOD! YOU
SOUND
JUST LIKE
MY MOM!
SHUT UP!

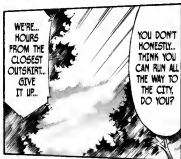








SORRY.
BAD JONE.
ARE WE...
THERE
YET?



WE'RE...
HOURS
FROM THE
CLOSEST
OUTSKIRT...
GIVE
IT UP...

YOU DON'T
HONESTLY...
THINK YOU
CAN RUN ALL
THE WAY TO
THE CITY,
DO YOU?



HUH?!

TOUTAHU
OHYUEI...
AND I'M
NOT...
KID...



I MEAN,
SHE'S
JUST A
KID!

BLEEDING
SO BAD...
WHO'D DO
SUCH A
THING?!

EW! SHE'S
BLEEDING
ALL OVER
ME!





WHO CAN
STAND...
AGAINST
HIM? SO
MUCH
POWER...
SO EVIL...



SO MUCH
STRONGER...
VERY BAD
FOR T-
TOUSHI...

ARROGANT...
EVIL...I
UNDERESTIMATED
HIM...HIS
STRENGTH...
HIS
POWER...



DEATH
STALKS
HIM...
DESTINY...
NO
ESCAPE...

TO
NO
AVAIL...
NO
AVAIL...



BUT
DESTINY...

...IMMUTABLE...
SET...



HE
WOULD...
FIGHT
IT...
RAIL
AGAINST
IT...







THEN
AGAIN....!



BIG
HONKIN'
ROCK,
DEAD
AHEAD!

*Nice
knowing
you,
shorty!*







HAS...
SPIRIT THIS
ONE... FIRE
WITHIN...

DUMB AS...
BRICK,
BUT...
STRONG-
WILLED...

NINETY
YEARS...LOYAL
SERVICE...
I DESERVE
TO KNOW...
HAKUFU
SONSAKI...DO
YOU CLAIM
HER AS...
DAUGHTER?

I HAVE
SERVED...SON
FAMILY FOR
GENERATIONS...
TOO LONG...
TOO SOON
ENDED... I'M
COMING,
SONKEN-
SAMA...



IS IT...
THIS
ONE?

SONKEN-
SAMA...
IS SHE
THE ONE?



THE
MAGATAMA
DEMAND IT.
DESTINY,
TOUTAKU.



WE DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THIS.

DEJA-VU.



THERE'S
NO
ESCAPING
IT. I,
FOR ONE,
COULDN'T
BE HAPPIER.

OH...
BUT WE
DO.



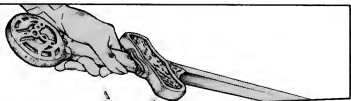
CHOUJIKOU - A
NINETY-YEAR-OLD
CRONE KEPT WAY
TOO YOUNG BY...
WHATEVER, A TEACH-
ER, A SEER
AND THE GUARDIAN
OF A CLUSTER
OF ALLEGEDLY
ENCHANTED SWORDS,
EACH JAMMED INTO
AN ALLEGEDLY
ENCHANTED ROCK
BY...WHOEVER. WE
THINK SHE MAY BE
DEAD BUT, ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED,
WHO CAN TELL?

CAST

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MOM - HAKUFU'S
MOTHER. BRIGHT,
BEAUTIFUL AND *WAY*
TOO LAID BACK. IT
WAS SHE WHO PASSED
THE MAGATAMA ON TO
HAKUFU AND PACKED
HER OFF TO TOKYO
WITHOUT ONE WORD
OF INSTRUCTION OR
ADVICE. WAY TO
GO, MOM.



RENKAN'S PLOT

192 A.D. THE AGE OF RIVALRY

THROUGH THESE MEANS DID
HOUSEN ASSASSINATE THE TYRANT
TOUTAKU BY ORDER OF SHISHI
OHIN, MOST FAVORED OF THE
COURT OF TOUTAKU. THUS WERE
THE SEEDS OF MISTRUST SOWN.



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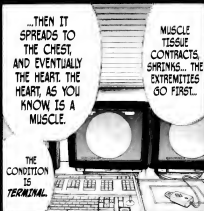


AMYOTROPHIC
LATERAL
SCLEROSIS
IT'S A...
DEGENERATIVE
CONDITION.



I'M SORRY.
WE...THERE
IS NO
EFFECTIVE
TREATMENT.

MY...MY
LITTLE
GIRL?
RYOFU?



...THEN IT
SPREADS TO
THE CHEST,
AND EVENTUALLY
THE HEART. THE
HEART, AS YOU
KNOW IS A
MUSCLE.

MUSCLE
TISSUE
CONTRACTS,
SHRINKS... THE
EXTREMITIES
GO FIRST...

THE
CONDITION
IS
TERMINAL.



WE CAN
SLOW IT
DOWN...
BUT PAST
THAT...



TELL HIM...
TELL HIM I'M SORRY.

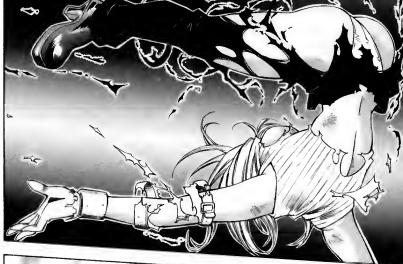
I NEED
THE TIME
LEFT TO ME
FOR
ME. YOU
TELL HIM
THAT, 'KAY?



IT'S
NOT MY
FATHERS...
CONDITION.

MISS
HOUSEN...
PLEASE
YOUR
FATHER
WANTS
YOU
TO--
YOUR
PARENTS
HAVE TO
SIGN
YOU OUT







I'D HOPED
YOU'D BE
ABOVE ALL
OF THIS
DESTINY
NONSENSE.

DID SAJI
PUT YOU UP
TO THIS?
PROMISE YOU
ANOTHER GO-
ROUND IF
YOU TAKE ME
DOWN?



REAFFIRM
YOUR
COMMITMENT
TO ME
AND THIS
WILL BE
FORGOTTEN.

I'M IN A
FORGIVING
MOOD,
RYOFU.



A-
MUM...

A-
MUM...



...
YOU...

FUCK...



THIS IS
THE PRELUDE
TO YOUR OWN
DESTRUCTION.
BREAK
THE CYCLE,
HOUSEN.

WHY DO
YOU INSIST
ON MAKING
THE SAME
1800-YEAR-
OLD MISTAKE
YET AGAIN?





SAGI... THEN YOU...
DESTINY FULFILLED...
DON'T YOU GET IT
YET? YOUR DEATH
DEFINES ME!

USED AND
DISCARDED...





SO...

SMALL
WONDER
HE
RAPED
YOU.

IF ONLY
FOR THAT
HOT LITTLE
BOO...
*SUCH A
WASTE.*

TH TH

SUCH A
WASTE...





OR IS
THE MAGATAMA
CURSE CLOSER
TO THE TRUTH?
COULD BE.
COULD VERY
WELL BE.

BLOOD
AND
THUNDER.
THE
MAGATAMA
LEGACY.



..YOU
WERE ALWAYS
MY FAVORITE
STOOGE..

OH,
MOE...

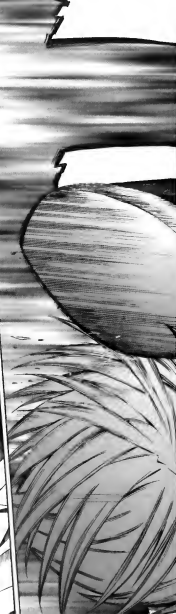
TOUCH
YOU
WHERE..?

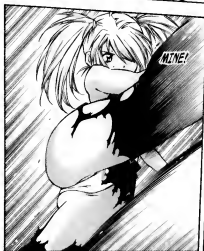


SWEET.
PATHETIC--
BUT SWEET.







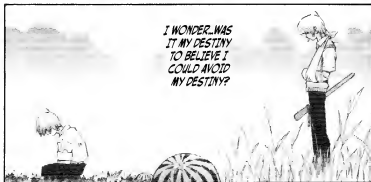


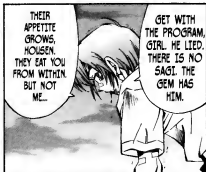
**DIE BY
MY HAND!**

**DIE,
TOUTAKU!**











NO
ASSASSINATION
NOT THIS
TIME..



SUICIDE.
HOUSEN.
FUCK
DESTINY.
FUCK IT
ALL...





DID YOU
FEEL
THAT?!

KANU?

DID YOU
FEEL
THAT?!

WE
ALL
FELT IT.
HOW
COULD
WE
NOT?



TOUTAKU
HAS FALLEN.
AGAIN.



TIME
ACCELERATES...
THE
MAGATAMA
GROW
IMPATIENT.







FELT IT.

FELT
BETTER
THAN ANY-
THING I'D
EVER FELT
BEFORE.



NEUTRALITY
IS *SO*
MUCH LESS
DEMANDING.

I'VE
OPTED FOR
PACIFISM.
Y'KNOW
MAKE LOVE,
NOT WAR
AND SUCH.



YOU SHOULD
TRY GETTING
IN BETTER
TOUCH WITH
YOUR MAGATAMA.
COMMUNE WITH
THE SPIRIT
WITHIN.



NEUTRAL?
YOU? WELL
SLAP MY
KNEE.



NOPE.

HEARD
ABOUT
TOUTAKU?

"OUSA NO SAI."
"THE POWER
BEHIND THE
THRONE." YOUR
MAGATAMA CAN
TEACH YOU ALL
ABOUT IT. YOU
GIVE IT HALF
A CHANCE.



AND
THAT'S
SAYING
A LOT.



IT GETS WORSE...



IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF

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If Toutaku's dead, does that mean the challenges are over? Hell, no! While Shimei (or what's left of her) recovers, Hakufu and Koukin head to another school to face the legendary Ukitsu.

Of course, before they can get anywhere near this ultra-powerful Tousei, they must first face down Ukitsu's many subordinates. Do you think Hakufu will have the sense--or the willpower--to actually quit while she's ahead? Neither do we!

In fact, a terrible fate awaits our ass-kicking cousins...that could leave one dead and one scarred for life!

BATTLE VULGANS

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YUJI SHIOZAKI



Canbare!! Studio Y's

24-hour Tokyo

...I was suddenly hit by a wave of extreme stomach pain.



The other day at work...

But the deadline was the next day, so...



And somehow I made it in time, and was saved.



I instructed my assistants from bed.

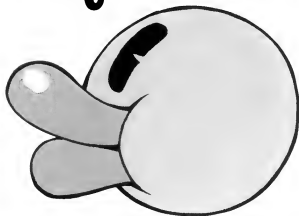
...the doctor didn't put "beer" on the list.



But what saved me even more was...

Linguist Louie says: "GANBARE" (Gahn-BAHR-ay) is used when you are cheering someone on. Directly translated, you are ordering/commanding someone to do their best!

Yuji Shiozaki



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In order to become stronger and develop her fighting skills, Hakufu sets off in search of Master Choushou. But the only way she can meet Choushou is if she can bend one of three swords sticking out of a rock! After trying for hours, the swords don't budge. Will she ever summon the inner strength to bend one?



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